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TRICHOPTERYX POLYCOMMATA D. & S. IN EASTBOURNE. — Upon the 12th and 14th of April, 1977, in the company of Mr. S. Pooles, I investigated some large stretches of privet near Friston Forest. Our visits were repayed with a combined total of 16 specimens seen, several of which were captured. This is the first time this species has been taken in Eastbourne since the records in Adkin (1930). — M HADLEY, 7 Beverington Close, Eastbourne.

WALL BUTTERFLY, PARARGE MEGERA L. IN WEST YORKSHIRE. — On 8th July, 1977, whilst on holiday near Heptonstall above Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, I visited Walshaw Dean where three reservoirs supply water to Halifax. At a spot below the reservoirs and about 900 feet above sea level, there is a little two-arched stone bridge over the Alcomden Water reminiscent of pack-horse days. It was a short distance below here beside the path which forms part of the Pennine Way that I observed a Wall Butterfly, *Pararge megera* L. It settled on the grass and I was able to see it from about two feet distance and note that its forewings were slightly chipped. The grid reference was SD 955320. As a boy I lived at Todmorden and often collected lepidoptera in the area but I never encountered this species. Walshaw Dean nestles below Withins and Haworth Moor of Brontë fame and it was with some nostalgia I revisited it after 45 years absence. My first visit had been on 19th July, 1932. On that occasion I walked from Todmorden by way of Whirlaw, Limpus Field, Chisley, Jack Bridge, Gorple and Blakedean where I looked into the little Baptist chapel graveyard and then continued up Walshaw Dean. It was while sitting on the twin-arched bridge over the Alcomden Water that I was favoured with the visits of two Pied Wagtails, a pair of Water Voles and a swiftly flying Kingfisher—an experience which I began to think was a dream until today I unearthed an old notebook and found the written record. This year (1977) I found Wild Thyme growing on the roadside and at Blakedean there were Goldfinches, a pair of Whinchats and the forewing of a male Northern Eggar, *Lasiocampa quercus* ssp. *callunae*, which may have fallen victim to the Whinchats. The Small Heath, *Coenonympha pamphilus* L. was on the wing in grassy spots near Blakedean and more than one Grey Mountain Carpet, *Entephria caesiata* D. & S., started out from its rocky resting place. But one wonders if other observers have noted the Wall in these upland parts of West Yorkshire? — ALBERT G. LONG, Hancock Museum, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.